

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
WEST BENGAL
21 N S ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001**

No. 1787 (24) - Home (Elec)

Dated 8th March, 2021

From: Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal

To : The District Election Officer,
All Districts

Sub: Engagement of Micro observer for voting of absentee postal ballot icw the General Elections to WBLA, 2021 — Regarding.

Madam/ Sir,

In reference to the above, as per the letter of the Commission vide no 52/2021/SDR/VOL. 1 dated 8th March, 2021, and in partial modification of the letter of this end having no. 1616-Home (elec) dated 05.03.2021, I am to request you to appoint one Micro observer for accompanying each polling team for voting through postal ballot by absentee voters in the category of senior citizens (above 80 years of age), persons with disability flagged in the electoral roll and Covid-19 suspect or affected persons. Prior to deployment to the field, they should be provided with adequate training of a session not less than 3 hours. The Micro observers have to submit report on each step of the whole process of the voting such as explaining to the elector by the PP, security & confidentiality of Ballot paper /counterfoil, Secrecy of voting, intimidation on voter if any, Persons present during voting, Adherence of Covid norms etc.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully



Chief Electoral Officer
West Bengal

Email/Speed Post

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110 001

No. 52/2021/SDR/VOL.I

Dated: 8th March, 2021

To,

The Chief Electoral Officer of
All States/ Union Territories.

Subject: Postal Ballot facility for essential services -regarding.

Sir/Madam,

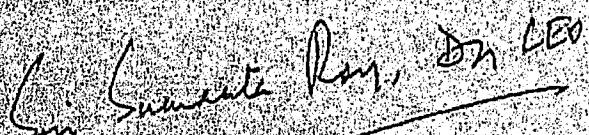
In continuation of Commission's letter of even no. dated 02.02.2021 on the subject cited, I am directed to state that under Para 5.1 of the guidelines for Voting through postal ballot by Absentee Voters in the category of Senior Citizens, PwDs and Covid-19 suspect or affected persons, the Commission has directed that teams of poll officers, comprising two officials out of which at least one should be not below the rank/level of the official appointed as polling officer for Polling Station in the State, should be appointed for the purpose of briefing of electors and collection of marked ballot papers. Now, the Commission has decided that a micro observer will also accompany the above said teams of poll officers.

This may be brought to the notice of all District Election Officers, Returning Officers and other election authorities concerned, for their information.

Kindly acknowledge.

Yours faithfully


(Abhishek Tiwari)
Under Secretary


Sunanta Roy, JN CEO

For u. a.

